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July 2, 2007

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Cotton Valley "D" Zone, SLIGO FIELD, Bossier
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley "D" Zone in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To approve the drilling of a horizontal well as an additional alternate unit well for CV D SUH at the location shown on the attached plat, and to approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-B, effective September 1, 1956, for all productive portions of the wellbore of such well located at least 330 feet from a unit boundary.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley "D" Zone in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 8-B, effective September 1, 1956.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Joe B. Adams, 21010 Vermont Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Any person desiring to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 686-2355 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

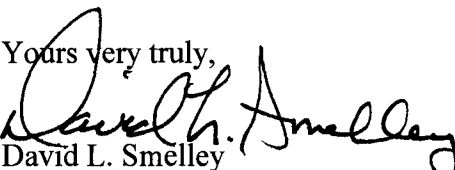
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sligo Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Les Rodman (w/encls.)
Ms. Denise Cramer (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

